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For : EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR SKIN AND METHOD OF USING THE
SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 9, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 9, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 9, 2009.

This response is being submitted as the submission for a Request for Continued Examination which is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to extend the period for response until March 9, 2009, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time together with all requisite fees therefore. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file, or the fee submitted herewith is deemed insufficient for any reason, the present submission should be interpreted to include the requisite Request for Extension of Time, and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee

necessary to preserve the pendency of this application, including any required extension of time fee or any required claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction, the objection and the rejection of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.